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1. MEETING OF CULTURAL MINISTERS FROM TEN "SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES" IN BUCHAREST SEPTEMBER 23-25 WOULD APPEAR TO BE
THEIR FIRST COLLECTIVE ATTEMPT TO GRAPPLE WITH POST-CSCE
BASKET THREE ISSUES.

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2. LISTED AS ATTENDING WERE JIVKOVA (BULGARIA), VALEK

(CZECHOSLOVAKIA), SANTIE (CUBA), HOFFMANN (GDR), TOGTIN
NAMSRAI (MONGOLIA), TEJCHMA (POLAND), ORBAN (HUNGARY),
DEMICHEV (USSR) AND HOANG MINH GIAM (NORTH VIETNAM).

3. MEETING WITH DELEGATES, CEAUSESCU REFERRED TO THEIR
"DEBATE OF CERTAIN PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH GENERAL
EUROPEAN CONFERENCE". THESE SEEMINGLY REVOLVED AROUND
HOW TO MANAGE "IDEAOLGICAL CONFRONTATION" OVER CSCE

HUMAN CONTACTS AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. CEAUSESCU,
CITING HIS HELSINKI SPEECH, RECOMMENDED DIVERTING EAST-WEST
DEBATE FROM CULTURAL-ARTISTIC-INFORMATION FLOW -- "ONLY
A SMALL PART OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS" -- TO "ECONOMIC
EQUALITY" AND RICH-POOR GAP. EVIDENTLY RECOMMENDING A LESS
DEFENSIVE FORWARD IDEOLOGICAL POSTURE, CEAUSESCU SAID THE
"SPIRIT" OF CSCE DOCUMENTS CAN "FAVOR SOCIALISM" IF
UNDERSTOOD THROUGH "REVOLUTIONARY CONCEPTIONS" DEVELOPED
"UNDER NEW CONDITIONS" TO MEET PROBLEMS OF CONCERN TO HUMANITY.

5. SCINTEIA (SEPT 25), CHARACTERIZED MEETING AS "FRUITFUL
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, EXPERIENCE, AND OPINIONS", USUAL
INDICATOR OF DIVERGENCE OF POSSIBLY OF USUAL ROMANIAN
DETERMINATION TO AVOID IDEOLOGICAL "COORDINATION" OR
REGIMENTATION. WHILE COMMUNIQUE (SCINTEIA, SEPT 26)
SPEAKS OF FUTURE CLOSER COOPERATION IN CULTURAL FIELD,
ACTUAL "CONCRETE PROPOSALS" PUT FORTH AT CONFERENCE ARE
TO BE STUDIED IN LIGHT OF DESIRES AND POSSIBILITIES OF
EACH COUNTRY, IN CONFORMITY WITH PRINCIPLES OF "EQUALITY,
FREE CONSENT AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE".

6. BULGARIAN, HOWEVER, THANKED ROMANIAN SIDE AND CEAUSESCU
FOR "HAPPY CHOICE OF THEME OF MEETING", WHICH MAKES
CEAUSESCU SOUND LIKE A LEADER IN DRAWING UP BASKET THREE
PHOPHYLAXIS.
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